

Wolston Home- 1705 35th St.,
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

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WOLSTON HOME
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Owner Mrs. R. W. Wolston

Date of Erection 1859

Architect Unknown

Builder John Wolston

Present Condition Bad

Number of Stories Two

Other Existing Records None

Materials of Construction Long leaf yellow pine from Louisiana.

Additional Data Built by John Wolston, father of R. W. Wolston. John Wolston was one of the early cotton merchants of Galveston, having come to Galveston in the early 50's. The lumber and other material in the home came from Louisiana by a sailing schooner and the house was built partly by slave labor.

In spite of its dilapidated condition this place still shows evidence of a carefully restrained taste and excellent design. The enormous columns and heavy cornice so often found during this period are not to be found here. It would almost seem that mania of the builders (and architects) of the Greek Revival period considered that the bigger the columns, the better the result. In fact, it was a day of bigger and better columns. But this is a digression and has nothing to do with this really excellent example of residential work in Galveston during the middle of the past century. (The notes on Tex-256 are equally applicable here.)

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